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To Whom It May Concern:

Having Microsoft put \$1B of its competitors products into the schools would be a real punishment. The current deal is a fraud. Rather than creating a deal that levels the field and furthers the interests of consumers, Microsoft is making a marketing investment into markets where they are currently losing. Historically, Microsoft has had a competitive disadvantage over other platforms (Apple, Linux, etc.) into the schools. By taking the proposed tack, Microsoft can gain further competitive advantage and simultaneously gain legal protection for their growing power. It is incompressible that we are "punishing" a monopoly by granting them a monopolistic position in the schools.

As Brier Rabbit would say: "Oh no, Justice Department! Please don't throw me in that briar patch!"

Let's not be gullible. Let's take the opportunity to really benefit the schools, consumers, and American business. Microsoft should pay \$1B in CASH and allow the schools to use those funds to buy the products of their choice.

If I can be of assistance, please contact me.

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